

THE NEW NORTH.

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RHINELANDER, WISCONSIN, THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1897.

TERMS-\$1.50 IN ADVANCE

A Merry Christmas
To All.

When you want anything
in the line of
Dry Goods,
Furnishings,
Shoes, Etc.
Communicate it to us and we will
try to please you.

We are also Headquarters for
Groceries and
Lumbermen's
Supplies,

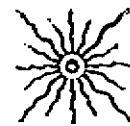
Of all kinds. Our prices will interest you. Wholesale or retail.

PILLSBURYS Best FLOUR Always On Hand.

C. M. & W. W. FENELON
Cor. Brown and Davenport Streets.

We are still talking about

Ten Thousand



useful gifts for Christmas.
And all cheap. For instance

A Nice Dress

for wife or daughter, a nobby
Jacket or warm Shawl; a
pair of

Kid Gloves

or Kid Mittens, a Fine Ice
Wool Fascinator, a fine pair
of Shoes, Hosiery, Handker-
chiefs or Underwear.

This is only the beginning of a host
of other gifts including a Suit of
Clothes and Underwear along
with those Nobby Reefs; then comes Caps, Ties and
Handkerchiefs; the boys want a pair
of Skates and Jackknife. Every-
body wants Crockery, China-
ware, Lamps and fancy
little souvenirs for all.

Look around before buying and we will sell you a
good many things.

SPAFFORD & COLE,
RHINELANDER, WIS.

George Clayton left Friday night for Milwaukee, where he had business to transact.

Miss Lou Vaughn came down from Tomahawk to spend the holidays at her home.

Several carloads of Christmas trees passed through here last week for Milwaukee and Chicago.

Edgar Hall left Saturday morning for Oshkosh, at which place and Oconto he will put in his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trumbull will spend Christmas with their relatives at Marshfield. They left for there this morning.

Miss Lizzie Ashton left on the 11:14 train Saturday for her home at Rural, where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Nettie Wheeler took her departure for Grand Rapids, Wis., Saturday, where she will spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Harriet Ming arrived here Saturday from Menomonie. She will spend several weeks at the residence of Arthur Taylor.

Miss Mary Pease, teacher in the McCord school annex, will spend the holidays with relatives at Faribault, Minn. She left Saturday over the "Soo" line.

A pleasing feature of the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church was the singing of the ladies' quartette, which was composed of Mesdames Beardson, Bishop and Daniels. Miss Eva Kemp.

Fred H. Gilman, representing the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, of Minneapolis, was in the city last Friday, looking after the interests of his publication, *The New North*. He acknowledges a call.

James Meiklejohn is home from Ironwood, where he has been engaged working on one of the big mills on the Montreal river for some time. He will return after the holidays.

A. Wooster, owner of the running horse, "F. H. McNutt" which won the laurels in the races here during the fair, was in the city Saturday talking trunks and valises to dealers. He said that his horse won every race but one in which he was entered.

A. C. Danielson has severed his connection with the firm of Danielson & Lange, tailors, and has taken a position with the firm of Evenson, Baker & Co., Wausau, as cutter. The business here will be conducted by Mr. Lange, who has moved his stock of goods into the building formerly occupied by M. W. Shafer on Brown street.

Hugh Lamma, who has been keeping the books for the firm of Lunsford & Alderson at Owen Ryan's camp, came down to Rhinelander Saturday, where he spent a few hours. He was on his way to Wausau to spend the holidays with his parents. He says Owen is doing good work, and they are hauling lots of logs. On his return he will scale Smith's camp near Woodhorn.

A learned scientist has discovered that there is dread disorder and contagion in the ancient custom of hand shaking. If this is true, there is a man who doesn't live many miles from Rhinelander who ought to have all kinds of experience in the care and cure of disease. This man should have an intimate acquaintance with every infectious ailment from mumps to smallpox. He's a shaker from way back.

Chas. Miles was down from Star Lake and remained over Sunday. Charles attends to the shipping of dry lumber from the yards of the Williams & Salter Lumber Co. at the above place, and informs the New North that 100,000 feet were shipped during the past three months. At one time the firm was three hundred cars behind on their orders. The mill, a double band, runs night and day.

Dense smoke which settled down low owing to the extreme lightness of the atmosphere, caused Policeman Asmundson to send in an alarm from the box at the corner of Spafford & Cole's store, Saturday evening, shortly after eight o'clock. The boys from the Central Hose House were prompt in responding to the call but could not locate the fire after the hose was laid. It looked at first as though the whole of Davenport street was in danger, and a strong odor, such as might come from burning hardware, was in the air. Owing to the extreme cold, it was fortunate that no water was required.

Geo. W. Mason is in the city to spend the holidays.

Underwear, a warm friend for cold people, at the Cash Department Store.

Rev. J. H. Refnertsen will speak at the Scandinavian church at Tomahawk Sunday.

Hugh Vaughn left yesterday for Beaver Dam to spend the holidays with his parents.

H. Lewis and wife left last week for Milwaukee and Chicago for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jeannie K. Dean left for Antigo Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Koelzer.

Silk initial handkerchiefs 15 cents. You'll think the price must be a mistake. Cash Department Store.

The eye is dazzled and the mind is puzzled at the beautiful holiday gifts on display at the Cash Department Store.

I. Tuttle and wife returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with relatives at Friendship, Adams county.

Alex. Mindak and family, of Harshaw, spent Sunday with the family of J. Klumb in Rhinelander. Alex. is superintendent of the mills at that place.

We are prepared to give cross-cut saws on short notice and in first-class shape. Bring them in.

REINELANDER IRON CO.

Sam Higgins left on Friday's North-Western limited for Chicago, where he will spend two weeks. His mother will accompany him upon his return.

Up go our sales like a sky rocket and down go our prices on Holiday goods like a burned stick.

Cash Department Store.

Joe Nathan was home Sunday from his camp two and one-half miles above Monroe. When he left the crew was making preparations to begin hauling.

Frank Pingry went to Oshkosh Friday night with the remains of his infant son, who died that morning. The body was buried in the family lot at that place.

Sam Cole returned from Milwaukee Friday morning, where he had been for a couple of weeks attending his wife who is receiving treatment in one of the hospitals there.

Miss Helen Drown and Miss Jessie Shepard left for their respective homes Friday evening to spend the holidays. Miss Drown went to Appleton and Miss Shepard to Madison.

Ignore the values now offered in rubbers by the Cash Department Store and you ignore all opportunities for economy.

Cash Dept. Store.

The extreme cold weather of the past week has been greatly appreciated by loggers. Ice roads may now be made, and as most of the logs are cut there will be considerable activity in the camps.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit. Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Huene, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale at Palace Drug Store.

N. A. Anderson returned from Wood county last week, where he has been for the past month superintending the construction of four miles of standard gauge road for the Marshfield & South-Eastern Railway Co. The extension built was from Port Edwards to the big paper mill of the A. W. Patton Company at Nekoosa, giving the company in all about thirty-six miles of track. Mr. Anderson had a crew of fifty men and thirty teams at work on the job, and completed it in thirty days. The company talks of building another extension in the spring from Nekoosa to Princeton, Green Lake county, a distance of seventy miles, and Mr. Anderson's chances of securing the job are good. The Patton paper mill has three hundred and eighty men on its pay roll, and employs from thirty to fifty men extra during the winter unloading pulp wood. The mill is a mammoth concern and is operated night and day.

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Have
You
Procured Your Christmas Gifts

DON'T WAIT

until the last moment. There is no money saved in waiting. Buy now and you get the choice of a nice line.

As we said last week we have

USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL
PRESENTS
In Great Variety.

A Nice Dress for your wife would no doubt be greatly appreciated by her.

Get Your Friend a Table Cloth with Napkins to match. What could be nicer?

A Rug or pair of Portiers are very ornamental to the house and can always be used to good advantage.

We are selling CLOAKS at $\frac{1}{2}$ Price. Why not buy your wife, sister or mother one of these. If we are any judge it could be used all right this weather.

Then there are the Handkerchiefs. Everyone should use them. We have a nice line in Silk and Linen from 1 cent to 75 cents.

China Ware

When it comes to China Ware we are "in it." Cups and Creamers, Plates, Rose Jars and Vases, and they are all Cheap in Price but Beautiful in Design and Ornamentation. Don't forget them.

Jewelry Cases,
Cups and Trays

are shown in great variety. The metal part of these are guaranteed not to tarnish. Why then are they not as good as gold.

We hope we shall see you all and we wish you a very

Merry Christmas.

IRVIN GRAY.

WISCONSIN STATE NEWS.

Charged Her with Bigamy.
A warrant was issued in Racine at the instance of Leo Gesicki, of South Milwaukee, charging his wife Julia with bigamy. Gesicki alleges that the woman deserted him some time ago and her whereabouts has been unknown to him until recently. The woman has been acting as housekeeper for one William Straube, who is in jail on some charge. The supposed Mrs. Gesicki was married in jail to Straube under the name of Augusta Sherman.

Confederate Soldiers.

One hundred and thirty-nine Confederate soldiers, prisoners of war, lie buried at Madison, and efforts are being made, at the suggestion of the Union veterans, to have the Confederate Veterans' association in Washington erect a monument to their memory. Until now their graves have been cared for by a southern woman, Mrs. A. W. Waterman, at her own expense. She recently died.

State Historical Society.

A new constitution was adopted by the State Historical society at its annual meeting in Madison, as the society had been working under the one adopted when the society was first organized 45 years ago. The report of President John Johnston, of Milwaukee, showed that since 1852 the library had grown from 30 books and pamphlets to 102,000.

Given Ninety-Nine Years.

The jury at Howard brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of Eugene M. Buel for the murder of Peter F. Nelson on September 17, 1896. Judge Parrish passed sentence of 99 years at hard labor in Waupun, with the first day of sentence and the 15th of each September to be passed in solitary confinement. Buel has a wife and three children.

Eloped with a Negro.

Gertrude Prince, handsome and but 15 years old, eloped with a negro who had been employed upon her father's farm in the town of Hayes, Oconto county, and they were married by a justice at Mountain. She returned with her dark bridegroom and was promptly discovered by her father. The Prince family is well to do and prominent.

Gave Up in Despair.

An unsuccessful attempt to discover perpetual motion caused Cornelius Mueller, 55 years of age, to make an attempt to end his life by taking poison in Marquette. He has been working to perfect a machine for several years and failing to accomplish anything he took 15 grains of bichloride of mercury. He was in a precarious condition.

Veterans Meet.

The Society of the Army of the Frontier held its annual reunion in Milwaukee on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., from which battle the organization derived its name. Madison was selected for holding the next reunion on December 7, 1898. J. P. Clawson, of Monroe, was elected president.

Elect Officers.

At the annual meeting in Whitehall the Trempealeau County Agricultural and Driving Park association elected the following officers: President, James Hopkins; vice president, H. C. Shepard; secretary, H. H. Scott; treasurer, D. Wood.

The News Condensed.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of seven per cent. in favor of the creditors of the insolvent Keystone national bank of West Superior.

P. C. Murphy, a graduate of the Madison university, was sentenced in Fond du Lac to 25 years in state prison for assaulting a young daughter of E. Kels.

Plans have been prepared for a handsome church edifice to be erected next spring in Green Bay by the Methodists.

J. E. Bucknam, cashier of the Bank of Antigo, which closed its doors November 12, was arrested on a charge of embezzeling \$12,000.

Nearly all of the 51 members of the freshman class of Beloit college who were suspended for a violation of the rule of leaving the city for a banquet have been reinstated.

County Judge-elect Barney has resappointed A. J. Loyer, of Juneau, as register in probate for Dodge county.

Andrew Moffatt, sexton at Kenosha cemetery in Fond du Lac for 18 years, committed suicide.

Judge John M. Shaw, of Minneapolis, who died at the age of 61, was formerly a Wisconsin lawyer, being admitted to the bar at Platteville in 1858.

The discovery has been made that secret societies have flourished in the high schools of Milwaukee for a year or more. The master was brought to light by a recent initiation ceremony in which a boy was very badly used.

Over 100 prisoners in the county jail in Milwaukee have been exposed to diphteria.

Christ Episcopal church, a fine stone edifice in Chippewa Falls, was defaced by Bishop Nicholson.

Albert Kuska, a well-known farmer living at Hurricane, was killed by a falling tree.

Joseph Hoffman, of Antigo, pleaded guilty to killing deer out of season and was fined \$10.

George Wajenber, aged 17, of Little Chute, was drowned while attempting to cross the ice near the government dam.

The Cumberland Telephone company has been incorporated for the purpose of maintaining a local telegraph exchange in Cumberland.

The dry houses of the Moore & Galt lumber company were burned in Fond du Lac with 20,000 feet of lumber. Loss, \$10,000.

H. L. Smith and wife, pioneers settlers, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their farm residence near Beloit.

STATE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended Sept. 30.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the state of Wisconsin for the year ended September 30 last, condensed from the reports of the secretary of state and state treasurer, shows as follows:

The total receipts were \$2,221,226.61 and disbursements \$2,190,503. The receipts, however, include \$23,400 borrowed from the trust funds and the amount on hand in the general fund was \$2,253,221, which is \$16,721 less than the amount on hand Sept. 30, 1897.

The largest item of receipts, more than half of the total, is from the license or tax of railroad companies, amounting to \$1,027,025; sleeping car companies paid but \$4,725; telegraph companies, \$16,612; telephone companies, \$1,077.14; street railway companies, \$2,213.51; loan and trust companies, \$2,222.51; loan and insurance companies, \$1,000.00.

The office fees of the several state departments turned into the state treasury were as follows: Governor, \$1,052.50; secretary of state, \$1,052.50; insurance commissioner, \$1,052.50; lark examiner, \$1,052.50; land department, \$1,052.50; auditor of public property, \$1,052.50.

The salaries and permanent appropriations were \$1,052.50, and the legislative expenses were nearly \$200,000 more—\$120,326.25.

The expenses of the several charitable and penal institutions of the state for the year were: State hospital for the insane, Menasha, \$105,500.00; northern hospital for insane, Oshkosh, \$100,961.50; school for deaf, Delavan, \$10,452.50; school for blind, Janesville, \$10,452.50; industrial school for boys, Waukesha, \$10,452.50; state prison, Waupun, \$10,452.50; state public school, Sparta school, \$10,452.50; home for feeble-minded, Chippewa Falls, \$10,452.50.

Clerk hire at the capitol cost \$75,112.25; labor about the capitol, \$2,222.25; transient labor, \$1,052.50; incidental expenses, \$10,452.50. Printing for the state (not including the publications in newspapers) cost \$1,052.50. The state paid \$16,612 for postage and \$1,052.50 for expressage. Gas and electric light cost \$4,282.50; fuel, \$2,274.25.

For educational purposes the state expenses were: Common schools, interest and examiners, \$10,452.50; normal schools, fifth normal interest, teachers' institutes, \$10,452.50; university, summer school, agricultural experiment station, interest on certificates of indebtedness, \$10,452.50; free high schools, \$10,452.50; manual training in high schools, \$1,052.50.

The expenses of the Wisconsin veterans' home, including care of inmates, were \$30,000; of this the United States paid \$10,000. The cost of the Wisconsin national guard through the adjutant general's department was \$10,452.50; through the quartermaster general's department, \$2,222.50.

The state's expenses for its courts were: Circuit court judges, \$10,452.50; circuit court reporters, \$10,452.50. The expenses for the board of arbitration were \$1,052.50; state law examiners, \$1,052.50; state law library, \$1,052.50.

For maintaining chronic insane in county asylums the state paid \$10,452.50, but received from counties for maintaining insane, industrial school for boys, fifth normal, free high school, manual training department and interest on certificates of indebtedness, \$20,000. The total investment of productive trust funds is \$3,022.50; the amount of each fund being: School fund, \$10,452.50; university fund, \$10,452.50; agricultural college fund, \$10,452.50; normal school fund, \$1,052.50; drainage fund, \$1,052.50.

THE STATE GRANGE.

Annual Meeting in Marshfield and Officers Chosen.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the state grange was held in Marshfield. Judge E. C. Pors made the address of welcome on behalf of the mayor and citizens. Major Williams being unable to be present. He was followed by S. E. Carr, of Milton Junction, state lecturer, on behalf of the grange.

State Master H. E. Huxley, of Neenah, in his annual report and address said that Wisconsin now stood second among the state in the number of grange lodges, and during the year 121 granges had been organized. He said the order was in a flourishing condition and that it was working for unadulterated foods, postal savings banks, free rural mail delivery and the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Officers were chosen as follows: Grand master, H. E. Huxley, Neenah; overseer, T. E. Egger, Hammond; secretary, A. C. Powers, Beloit; treasurer, Thomas Dickson, Jackson. It was voted to hold next year's meeting at Marshfield.

IT IS SPREADING.

Hypnotic Craze Has Broken Out in the Oshkosh High School.

Oshkosh has come under the influence of the hypnotic craze, pupils of the high schools engaging in the practice, principally a set of young girls. It is said that one of the boy students is so susceptible that several times recently he has been "put to sleep" during recitations and relieved only after considerable trouble. Superintendent Davis suspended this student, but afterward said he would wait a few days to investigate. It is thought that the practice will spread to the other schools, and it is probable that the school board will take action to prevent it.

Finally Leaked Out.

The fact leaked out in Milwaukee that the indictment which has hung over Gustav C. Trumpf, president of the defunct South Side savings bank since October 12, 1893, was nolled in secret by Judge Waller, of the municipal court, on November 1 last. President Trumpf was charged with perjury.

To Colonize a Country.

At a meeting of the A-land board of trade a movement was started with a view of colonization in Ashland county. The plan is to go to the owners of cut-over lands and get an option of alternate forty acres at a price that will induce settlers to settle on them.

KITCHEN HELPS.

Clean brooms by dipping in and out of ammonia water.

If oyster shells are occasionally placed in kitchen stores it will be found that clinkers will never appear.

Throw some salt on the kitchen stove if grease is spilled on it and odor will be prevented.

If an oil or gas stove is used a box of sand should be kept handy in case of accident, as it is the best thing with which to put out fire.

M'KENNA IS NAMED.

Appointed to Fill the Vacancy on the Supreme Court Bench.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president Thursday sent the following nominations to the senate:

Justice—Joseph McKenna, of California, to associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Treasury—Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency.

The nomination of Attorney-General McKenna to succeed Justice Field on the supreme bench will not be acted upon by the senate until after the Christmas holidays. The nomination was referred to the committee on ju-

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W. C. OGDEN, Editor.

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Lost.

A Galloway call coat with fur collar and cuffs, was lost somewhere between this city and the trestle work, on the Germon road, Wednesday. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at W. D. Harrigan's store.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The tax roll for the Town of Pelican is now in my hands for collection. After January 10, 1898, two per cent, additional will be charged. Office at Town Hall.

LOUIS LAESON,
Town Treasurer.

Lost.

A lady's gold breast pin between the Methodist church and the residence of D. J. Cole. Finder please return to Spafford & Cole's store and receive reward.

CASTORIA.

Chas. Fletcher, Secy.

County Board Proceedings.

County Clerk's Office, Rhinelander, Wis., Monday, Sept. 29, 1897, 2:30 o'clock p.m.

County Board of Supervisors of Oneida county, Wis., met pursuant to the following call:

E. P. BRENNAN, County Clerk.

Sir:—You are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Oneida county, Wis., to meet in your office in the Court House on Monday, Sept. 29, 1897, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. of said day for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before said board as may properly come before said board.

Dated Sept. 13, 1897.

Fred. T. Coon, Supr. 5th ward.
John W. Schaefer, Supr. 2nd ward.
Geo. W. Porter, Supr. 1st ward.
Arthur Taylor, " 4th.
John C. Curran, Chairman Town of Pelican.

Casper Faust, Supr. 3rd ward.

Sir:—You are hereby notified that pursuant to the within request of a majority of the Board of Supervisors of Oneida county a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Oneida county will be held on the 20th day of Sept., 1897, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. at my office in the Court House in the city of Rhinelander in said county for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before the Board at a special meeting of the same.

Dated this 13th day of Sept., 1897, at Rhinelander, Wis.

E. P. BRENNAN, County Clerk of Oneida Co., Wis.

To F. S. Campbell, Chairman of the Town of Gagen.

To F. T. Coon, Supr. 5th ward city of Rhinelander.

To J. C. Curran, Chairman Town of Pelican.

To Casper Faust, Supr. 3rd ward, city of Rhinelander.

To A. O. June, Chairman Town of Woodboro.

To S. Kelley, Supr. 6th ward city of Rhinelander.

To F. Mier, Chairman Town of Schoepke.

Geo. W. Porter, Supr. 1st ward city of Rhinelander.

To John W. Schaefer, Supr. 2nd ward city of Rhinelander.

To Arthur Taylor, Supr. 4th ward city of Rhinelander.

To C. C. Yawkey, Chairman Town of Hazelhurst.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the County Board, Geo. W. Porter, the following members answering to their names on roll call.

Supervisors Campbell, Coon, Curran, Faust, Kelley, Porter, Schaefer, Taylor and Yawkey—9.

Supervisors Miner and Jenne absent.

Supr. Porter in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Bill of Williams Bros. in the sum of \$25.00 for lithographing 100 maps for Oneida County was taken up and considered.

On motion of Supr. Faust, the bill of Williams Bros. in the sum of \$25.00 be and the same is hereby allowed, and the chairman and clerk authorized to issue a county order for same amount. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Coon the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to

sell the county maps at \$1.00 each. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Yawkey the Immigration Committee be instructed to use not to exceed \$50.00 for the purpose of advertising the sale of county lands. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Curran the following resolution was adopted as read.

WHEREAS nine suits have been commenced against the county for the purpose of setting aside certain taxes levied for the year 1897 in the City of Rhinelander in said county, and

WHEREAS, the District Atty is incapacitated from acting for the county in said suits, by reason of his acting as counsel for the plaintiffs in said action prior to his election.

Resolved, that the District Atty be instructed to apply to the Circuit Judge of said county for the appointment of some suitable person to act for the county as attorney in the defense of said suits, and that such person be recommended for such appointment as shall be selected by the city of Rhinelander.

On motion of Supr. Curran the County Board adjourned to meet on call of the chairman.

E. P. BRENNAN, Co. Clerk of Oneida Co., Wis.

ANNUAL MEETING.

County Clerk's Office, Rhinelander, Wis., Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1897, 2:30 o'clock p.m.

County Board of Supervisors of Oneida county, Wis., met in annual session as provided by Section 61, of the Revised Statutes.

Present—Supr. Campbell, Coon, Curran, Kelley, Miner, Porter, Taylor and Schaefer—8.

Absent—Supr. Faust, Jenne and Yawkey—5.

Supr. Porter in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Petitions presented to the Board and considered.

On motion of Supr. Curran the petition of Pat Johnson was laid on the table. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Schaefer the petition of G. W. Marks was laid over until the whole Board was present. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Miner the committee on County Poor was instructed to Walton G. W. Marks and tender to him the position of County Supt. of Poor and Supt. of Poor Farm, for the ensuing year at \$75.00 per month. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Curran that T. G. McLaughlin be employed as Janitor of the Court House for the ensuing year at a salary of \$30.00 per month. Motion carried.

Bills were taken up and referred to the committees.

On motion of Supr. Coon the County Board adjourned to Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1897, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

E. P. BRENNAN, Co. Clerk of Oneida Co., Wis.

County Clerk's Office, Rhinelander, Wis., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1897, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Supr. Coon, Curran, Kelley, Miner, Porter, Schaefer and Taylor—5.

Absent—Supr. Campbell, Faust, Jenne and Yawkey—4.

Supr. Porter in the chair.

Minutes of the session of Nov. 9, 1897, read.

On motion of Supr. Kelley the Board adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of allowing the committees time to make reports on the various matters referred to them.

E. P. BRENNAN, Co. Clerk of Oneida Co., Wis.

County Clerk's Office, Rhinelander, Wis., Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1897, 2:30 o'clock p.m.

County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Supr. Coon, Campbell, Curran, Kelley, Faust, Miner, Porter, Schaefer and Taylor—9.

Absent—Supr. Yawkey and Jenne—2.

Supr. Porter in the chair.

On motion of Supr. Curran the County Board adjourned to Thursday, Nov. 11, 1897, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. to allow the committees time to make reports on the matters referred to them.

E. P. BRENNAN, Co. Clerk of Oneida Co., Wis.

County Clerk's Office, Rhinelander, Wis., Thursday, Nov. 11, 1897, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Supr. Coon, Campbell, Curran, Jenne, Kelley, Miner, Porter, Schaefer and Taylor—9.

Absent—Supr. Faust and Yawkey—2.

Supr. Porter in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Bill of Williams Bros. in the sum of \$25.00 for lithographing 100 maps for Oneida County was taken up and considered.

On motion of Supr. Faust, the bill of Williams Bros. in the sum of \$25.00 be and the same is hereby allowed, and the chairman and clerk authorized to issue a county order for same amount. Motion carried.

On motion of Supr. Coon the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to

Supr. Porter in the chair.
Reports of committees taken up and considered.

Report of committee on County Poor.

To the County Board of Supervisors of Oneida county, Wis.

Gentlemen—Your committee on County Poor beg leave to report that they have examined the following bills referred to them and recommend that they be allowed, disallowed or disposed of as set forth in the schedule hereto annexed.

Dated Nov. 10, 1897.

Geo. W. PORTER, Com.

S. KELLEY, Com.

ARTHUR TAYLOR, Com.

W. H. McLAUGHLIN, Com.

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LOCAL TIME TABLES.

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No. 12—Ashland Mail and Express 1:35 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND

No. 4—Daily 11:22 P. M.
No. 5—Ashland Mail and Express 1:31 A. M.

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Accommodation 6:30 P. M. Dec. 22.
S. S. Line trains arrive and depart from C. M. & St. Paul's station at 10 A. M. daily, and at 1 P. M. and after Nov. 1st 1896, direct to St. Paul and after Nov. 1st 1896, direct connections for Tomahawk, Eau Claire, Duluth, Marinette, Menominee, Wausau, Stevens Point, Madison, Chicago and beyond, and all points on Wisconsin Central R'y. C. M. CHAMBERS, AGT.

L. O. F.

Court Juana, 1925.

Meetings at L. O. F. Hall second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Attn. D. H. COOPER, L. O. F. R. S.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kemp arrived home Wednesday morning.

A. S. Pierce arrived in Rhinelander Wednesday morning from the east.

Earl Chafee is enjoying a visit with his relatives at Plainfield and Stevens Point during the vacation.

Use our heating stoves to keep cool corners cozy.

Cash Dept. Store.

J. T. Fall and wife departed last Saturday for Hudson where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Winter is on the wing. Felt shoes are the thing for comfort.

Cash Dept. Store.

Chas. DeCarter has taken up a homestead of eighty acres near Monroe Junction and will move his effects there in the near future.

Slippers and Christmas go hand in hand, and the men's slippers are going from hand to foot here.

Cash Dept. Store.

Mrs. E. C. Yapp is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Grant, and will remain during the holiday season. Mr. Yapp will arrive in a day or two for a short vacation.

Services at the First Congregational church on Sunday next will be as follows: Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Kemp. Morning 10:30, topic, "The Birth of Christ a reverent of character." Evening, 7:30, "The Closing Year."

Gus. Horn was pleasantly surprised Monday evening by his gentle men friends, it being the occasion of forty-sixth birthday. He had attended lodge and upon returning home had everything ready for him at his Club Room. The evening was passed enjoyment and the gathering did not break up until another day had been ushered in.

Little men's (boys') pure wool sweaters in all sizes from two years up. Cash Dept. Store.

The New North wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas.

Fred. Pleckard went to Monroe Monday to seal for Clark, Lennon & Stapleton.

Tuesday forenoon the home of Mrs. Barabau, on the west side, was nearly destroyed by fire, together with a great portion of its contents.

J. A. Hansen is putting in two and a half million feet of logs for Sievwright & Melne, in the vicinity of Lake George. He has about 700,000 feet banked on the Pelican river now.

Rev. J. Anderson, who has been with the family of his son, E. S., in this city for several weeks, went to Merrill Saturday, where he will be the guest of his son, Irv., for a short time.

Several of the local horsemen will go to Minoqua Christmas to witness a trotting race between Pat Madden's high jumper and J. Hall's cracker Jack. The race will be for \$100 on a side, and promises to be a good one. Pat is very confident of winning. He sent down and got all the speed balls our horsemen could spare without crippling themselves, and two stop watches were also sent up, so that none of the time could get away. There'll be a hot time in the old town that day or we are no good at guessing.

The newly appointed city library board held its first meeting at the council rooms Monday afternoon, all members with the exception of Alderman Klumb being present. Prof. Hyer was elected president, Mrs. J. C. Wixson, Vice-President, and C. F. Barnes, Secretary. The term of membership was decided by lot as follows: For one year, J. Klumb, Mrs. J. C. Wixson, Mrs. F. L. Hinman. For two years, S. S. Miller, Mrs. E. O. Brown, Mrs. Jno. Barnes. For three years, G. H. Kemp, Mrs. W. E. Brown, C. F. Barnes. The reading room and library which, through the energy and public spirit of the ladies of the city, has been maintained for several years, will be transferred to the city as soon as desirable rooms are secured and the new board prepared to take charge of it. Rhinelander seldom does things by halves and a city library should be no exception. It is believed our citizens will appreciate the possible good brought by such an institution and give it their unqualified support. If actuated by no higher motive than emulation they will not want to remain inactive while nearly all neighboring cities are establishing and maintaining fine libraries.

Take Notice.

On and after Jan. 1, 1897, the Model Steam Laundry will do work for cash only. After that date no credit will be given to any customer. Goods not taken from the office within thirty days will be sold for charges. STEPHEN BELLE, Prop. Dated Dec. 25, 1896.

E. A. Anderson has added a complete apparatus for gold, silver and nickel plating to his outfit of machines and is prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. He invites the public to bring in their old ware and have it fixed over into new.

There will be a grand Christmas ball at Woodboro Hall, in the town of Woodboro, on Friday evening, Dec. 24. It promises to be a pleasant affair, and will undoubtedly be well attended. Good music will be provided. All are invited to attend.

Joseph Reitz and Sam Marks are doing a job of logging on Sections 21 and 22, Township 26, Range 9. They will bank about 250,000 feet in the Pelican River for Gilkey & Anson of Merrill. Their camp is located on the Easton homestead. Marks has already banked 50,000 feet. Barney Moran is also logging in Section 27, and will supply the Gilkey & Anson firm with 200,000 feet this winter.

Henry Heyn, of the town of Pelican is busily engaged cutting cedar shingle bolts for the Stevens Lumber Co. He has already furnished sixty cords, and will cut about forty more. Several other mills are buying these cedar bolts, and the farmers of the county will realize in the neighborhood of \$60,000 from this industry this winter. The price paid is \$1.25 per cord—25 cents in excess of that paid last year.

Christmas services at St. Mary's church will be held as follows: First High Mass at 5 o'clock a. m.; second Mass (children's) immediately after first Mass; third Mass (2nd High Mass) and English sermon at 10 o'clock. Sermon in the German language at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Sermon in the French language at 7 o'clock p. m. Devotions in honor of the "Sacred Nativity of Our Lord" at 7:30 p. m. St. Mary's choir will sing their new Mass for the first time. It goes without saying that the musical program will be a success. Everybody welcome.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Chat H. Fletcher

Bank Report.

Report of the condition of the First National Bank at Rhinelander, in the State of Wisconsin, at the close of business, December 15, 1897:

Loans and discounts \$125,669.10

Overdrafts, 10,626.71

Deposits to secure circulation 12,299.61

Balances on U. S. Bonds 1,122.80

Banking-house furniture 33.15

Accounts 11,511.51

Other real estate and fixtures 511.23

Deposits in National Banks (not Reserve Agents) 2,608.41

Deposits in State Banks and Banks 6,122.56

Deposits from appropriated re-est. accts. 56,619.11

Chairs and other office items 56,433

Notes of other National Banks 520.93

Federal paper currency, bills, etc. 124.66

Specie 14,172.29

Legal-tender notes 8,452.20

Redeemable funds with U. S. Treasury 5,000.00

Total 225,410.26

Capital and paid in 225,410.26

Surplus funds, less expenses and taxes paid 2,608.41

Reserve funds outstanding 10,626.71

Due to State Banks and Banks 20,291

Indebtedness subject to check 52,411.61

Time certificates of deposit 56,433

Total 225,410.26

STATE OF WISCONSIN, 1897.

COUNTY OF ONEIDA.

E. W. E. Ashton, Cashier of the

above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. E. Ashton, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

the 22d day of December, 1897.

L. H. WHEELER, Notary public.

Concert—Attest:

Chas. H. Fletcher, Director.

S. M. Hutchinson, Director.

G. S. Cook, Director.

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Other Appropriate Articles without number may also be seen. Call and let us show them to you.

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Chocolate Creams, 15c lb.
Fine Mixed Candy, 3 lbs for 25c
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Fresh Roasted Peanuts, 10c lb.
Pop Corn, that will pop, 5c lb.
Pop Corn Balls, home made, and
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Fruit Cake, Only 10c lb.

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Best Ink Tablet in the city for 5 cts.

Fine line of Colored Writing Paper and Envelopes, prices ranging from 15 to 60 cents per box.

Visiting Cards, Regret Cards and Envelopes, at low prices.

Half-pound good writing paper for 25 cts.

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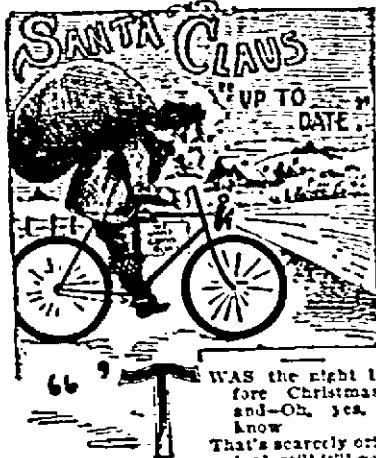
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such as would be fit for a King's table can be found there however. They have an elegant line of meats for the Christmas trade.

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A TOUGH TURKEY



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WAS the night before Christmas, and—Oh, yes, I think it's scarcely original, still it goes. It's just what I wanted to say, you'll admit. 'Twas the night before Christmas and Dick was in. When he heard a light step on the roof overhead. And a rattle of boots in the chimney, and knew it was Santa, so down the front staircase he flew. And peeped in the parlor and there, sure enough, was that little old gentleman, ruddy and kind. With his thick bushy whiskers and jolly red nose. And the pack that he carries wherever he goes. But his dress, well, what student of story book lore saw Santa Claus dressed in a sweater before? Or in trousers of plaid, while the stockings he sported were the kids' Anglomania lately 're imported. Called "golfers." In short, his attire was so queer. Dick's gasp of surprise reached the old fellow's ear. "Come in," said he, kindly, "I really would like to have some one to talk to. Say, how do I strike? Your critical eye? Aren't these gold stockings nice? I fancy that they cut considerable ice. What? Surprised at my slang? I don't know why you should be. It's strange how the people have misunderstood me. I'm not the old fossil the story books state; I'll have you to know that I'm right up-to-date. My friend? You ask. My dear boy, they're too big. For the while awake age, they've been sold to a show. I'm riding a wheel and I fancy myself. I could put a few racers away on the shelf if I ever started to tear 'em. Let's see. My cyclometer tells me I've ridden just three hundred thousand and twenty-five miles since I started. And 'My' that reminds me, it's time I departed. So long—See you later!" He stepped to the fire. And giving a jump quickly vanished from view. And Dick reached the window in season to spy. The dash of his lamp as his cycle whizzed by. A glimpse in the road where the bright moonlight shone. A speck in the distance, and Santa was gone. And said Dick, as he slowly went back to the fire: "Say, what would he do if he punctured a tire?"

—Joe Lincoln, in L. A. W. Bulletin.



I-YOU DON'T CARE FOR THEM, JACK."

at last broke off a white rose bud and a scented leaf for his friend. He pinned on his flowers, and waited while she deftly wrapped up the pot that held the Christmas rose.

"You hardly miss it from your pretty window," he said.

"I'd hoped to sell all these," she replied, a little break in her voice, "but it's getting late now. To-morrow is Christmas day."

"So it is. Rose, come spend it with us. Minnie is always so glad to see old friends. It's only a two-hour run. Can't you come?"

"Why, I'd like to. Christmas is so sad, nowadays; so sad and dull."

"Yes. Well, you see, Minnie has the kids, and she's at home nearly always. I'm on the road, you know. It would help her, and she'd be glad I thought of it. Let's see." He took a slim black book from his pocket. "I've just the number of miles here on this ticket. It won't be any good next year," tearing out a bit of paper. "You just use it, and I'll go and send a telegram to Minnie." And before Rose could collect her wits he had snatched up the flowers and was gone, and there on the counter lay the crisp \$10 bill and a railroad ticket!

"It's like a fairy visit," Rose laughed, peering between the roses at the means they walked off. "And he wouldn't come in! I wonder why? He—oh, he has the rose in his coat! My little Christmas rose. I wonder if he remembers?"

The men were out of sight, and Rose turned from her flowered window, and snatching up the money and ticket hurried into the little room at the back of the store.

"I've found that recipe, Rose. The cheap fruit cake, you know," squeaked a little voice.

"Oh, aunt, you can't do it. You needn't do it. Three eggs and a shred of citrus! Burn the recipe. You are going to spend Christmas with Cousin Fannie, after all?"

"Rose Ellison?"

"Yes, I've been so lucky. I'm going to the city, and—But your train leaves in an hour. Let's hurry, hurry, else you'll have to wait until to-morrow afternoon!"

"Rose, dear, I don't understand!"

Rose caught the quaint little figure in her arms, and kissed the puzzled face.

"You needn't. Just get ready. You're going in an hour. In the morning I'm going to see Minnie Brown. I've had an invitation. She's married, you know, to Tom Wilkins—such a—there's the bell. Breathe yourself together, aunt."

Presently aunt entered the store with a tall green willow-herb quince-plant and a handkerchief on each arm, while in one hand she carried a blue silk bag and the other grasped an immense umbrella. Into the bag Rose dropped a handful of coins, and kissing aunt's flushed, withered old face hurried her on. "It'll be a fine treat to her, I'm sure. Rose. But what'll you do to-night?"

"Me? Oh, I'll stay with the minister's wife."

"I love them, every one," Rose said, setting down a fine plant. "How is this one?"

"It's a beauty. Will you take this for it?" He threw a \$10 bill on the counter.

"That? Oh, not even half so much."

"Should! You ought to deal with a city florist. I'd be lucky to get off at \$20! My conscience will trouble me. Miss Rose, if I pay less than \$10, Habit is strong. You won't spoil my Christmas and my pleasure in giving this to the little woman at home, will you?"

"But I, too, have a conscience," Rose laughed. "But mine is so tender, Miss Rose, and, hoar, bright, it's a sure thing they charge awful; so that's all right. Maybe it would be better if you'd throw in a 'button hole'."

"Yes, let me. You've been too generous, I feel that I cannot—" "I'll take tickets and a sprig of nutmeg."

"And your friend. Won't you take one for him?" She flushed again.

"To Jack?" glancing outside. "Yes, but he's a surly old fellow, and I doubt if he'll wear it. It's Jack Allen, you know. Remember he went west five years ago. I stumbled upon him at the hotel—just got back."

Tom noticed how the girl's white hands fluttered as she tied up his violets, and then how she hesitated, and

wife and help her fill the wee bit stockings. Get a real good time, aunt, dear."

"I will, child, but I feel all a-flutter with the sadness of it. Kinter off my feet, you know." Then he trotted on down the street with the great hand-bones bouncing like life preservers, under her arms. She was just in time for the train. A little out of breath and a good deal excited, she settled her belongings in the end of her seat, and began to take comfort.

Two gentlemen in the seat before her glanced back at the quaint little figure, and one of them smiled. "Look here, Jack," one said, "don't let me forget at the next station to wire Minnie. That poor little girl is going down to-morrow to spend a day or so. It's a great nuisance, our having to go to Brightville instead of straight on home. She'll get there first, in the morning. Well get in at 12."

"What girl is it?" Jack pulled his cap down over his curly hair.

"Why, Rose Ellison, of course. I was so sorry for her, Jack. I asked her."

"The dickens you did!" Jack's brown eyes flashed.

"Why, Jack, are you a regular woman-hater? The poor little woman is worked to death, and I warrant she never has a good time. If I'd thought a moment but I was sorry for her. It's such a poor little place. She's pretty and the roses are, but there's—it's a stuffy little store. I'm afraid Minnie's forgotten her eyes. It's been so long since they were girls,

den and unexpected. Rose couldn't believe—she couldn't sense it. I saw her dressed for the party in her pretty white frock with the Christmas roses in her hair and on her breast, and I saw her when the news came. She was almost crazy. She tore off the party finery, but she put the roses in water, and afterwards she set 'em out and they grew—then the same roses. I put the red wrapper on her, and the young doctor undertook to tell her that her father'd have to die, for I couldn't (though I'm not one to shirk my duty), and I've stood by her ever since. Rose never meant no harm—the never was bold. There's not many like Rose."

The car door opened and the porter yelled "Centerville." There was a stir among the handbones, a flourish of the umbrella, and the quaint little figure fluttered out before either of the men could speak or move. And after she was gone they were quite still until presently Tom got out his cigars and went into another car.

The sun shone bright enough Christmas morning when Tom and his guest left the car for the carriage that would take them home.

"You see, I'll have to see Minnie all to myself, just at first, that's why she won't be in the hall. I'll just tumble you into the parlor for a moment until I gather my sense. Compensations you see. It isn't so bad being a traveling man—there are so many home-comings!" Tom said, holding the carriage door open while they were speeding on.

That was how it came about that Jack walked into the bright warm parlor to find a little blue-eyed woman with Christmas roses in her hair sitting alone in the ruddy glow of the yule-tide fire. His eyes grew bright and soft as the little woman rose, flushing and confused.

"Are you wearing the Christmas roses for me, dear?" he asked, humbly.

"I—you don't care for them, Jack."

"Indeed I do. I want the sweetest of all the roses for my own little girl. May I have it, now?"

A mischievous sparkle brightened the blue eyes. "How can I tell which is sweetest?" she asked.

"May I take my choice?"

Then Tom and Minnie came and after them the "kids," and altogether it was a very happy Christmas.

"The rosiest sort of a rosy time," Tom said, pinching Rose Ellison's pink cheek—Eliza Frizzell Wycoff, in Minneapolis Housekeeper.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES.

Customs Handed Down to Us from Bygone Ages.

It is an interesting fact that nearly all of the present observances of the sweet Christmas time which have been handed down to us from bygone ages are relics of heathenish barbarism.

The practice of decorating with evergreens has been ascribed to various sources. Decorating with flowers and evergreens was a pagan manifestation of rejoicing and worship. This custom was also observed among nations both of Gothic and Celtic origin. A superstition among the votaries of Druidism was that houses decked with evergreens in December would be visited by sylvan spirits and that the inmates would be unnniped by the frost and cold winds.

The mistletoe bough was held in veneration by the pagans, as it was likewise respected by the Gothic and Celtic nations. Among Celtic nations it is known to have been an object of great veneration. The ceremony of collecting it by the Druids was one of the highest solemnity. It is said that the oak on which it grew were sacred to them. The reverence it inspired was based upon the wonderful healing powers it was believed to possess.

If hung up in the house it was considered a guard against evil spirits. Its introduction into Christmas festivals might be appropriate as emblematic of conquests obtained over the spirits of evil and darkness. The reverence of the mistletoe among the ancient Britons appears, however, to have been limited only to that which grew on an oak, whereas, the pearly berries, which bring a blush to the cheek of the modern maiden, may be gathered besides from the hawthorn, lime and old apple trees as well as the Scotch and silver fir. There existed a tradition that the maid not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas would not wed within a year.

The Yule log was considered by the ancient Druids a protection against evil spirits. There were various superstitions mingled with the ceremony of lighting it. It had to be lighted with clean hands in order to extract its virtues. It was deemed an evil omen if the light went out during the night. The Yule log is still kindled on Christmas Eve in various parts of England—Louisville Courier Journal.

Signs of Christmas.

She meets me at the door. Each evening with a smile that's sweet and mellow;

"Your smile's waiting; come right in, you poor."

Dear, tired fellow?

(But I know just what this means.

For we've struck the Christmas scenes;

A new red hat;

And the likes of that—

That's just what the dear one means.)

She marks my frowning brow.

"I'm meant to have a woman to adore you."

And says: "I know your head must ache, and all."

"I'm going to rub it for you!"

But I know just what that means.

For we've struck the Christmas scenes;

A dress, a hat;

And the likes of that—

That's just what the dear one means.)

A Mistake.

"Hit am or mistake," said Uncle Elm, "ter lab yoh merr Christmas in such a way do you can't labor happy New Year."

"I'm sorry, but I'm not the sort to be like that."

"I'm so glad to be alive after eating so much dinner the day before!"—Chicago Record.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Shifting Responsibility.—Friend—How do you get along with the cooking? The Bride—"Admirably! I blame it on the range." "I luck."

"Did you eat that missionary you found yesterday?" asked one cannibal of another. "No," was the reply; "we frank him. He was so thin we had to make soup of him."—Yonkers Statesman.

—Friend—"Poetry is a drug on the market, isn't it?" Poet—"I should say so!" Friend—"Then I am misinformed," Poet—"Your informant probably never tried to sell poetry or buy songs."—Chicago News.

—The Point of It.—Wife—"John, did you match that piece of velvet I gave you this morning?" Husband—"Yes, dear. Here it is. Go to, sluggard! The joke is that he matched it."—Philadelphia North American.

—Differing Tastes.—"If there be anything in the world I hate," said the poet platoocrat, "it is being patronized." "There's nothing like it better," said his acquaintance, who keeps the corner grocery.—Detroit Free Press.

—Drunkenness—"I came down the street with Miss Smiler this afternoon; but the teams made such a noise I couldn't hear myself talk." Wickers—"That was awful, wasn't it, when you do enjoy it so much?"—Boston Transcript.

—A Correction—"I saw a man tearing down Broadway," began Jimpson. "How you do talk!" ejaculated Harkins. "You mean you saw the man tearing up Broadway. They're always doing that to get at the pipes."—Hartford Times.

—"I have come," announced Persens, "to strike off thy chains!" Andromeda cast down her eyes and fingered her dance programme nervously. "Do you really think the level gear is an assured success?" she finally faltered. It was rather difficult, in fact, for the unhappy maiden to protect her own interests and yet not appear ungrateful.—Detroit Journal.

A DOG'S DILEMMA.

Can't Land on British Soil Nor Stay on Shipboard.

It has long been the custom of Englishmen to idealize the British customs and port regulations and denounce those of other countries as worthy of the dark ages. But a case occurred in Liverpool the other day which scarcely fits this boasted perfection. A board of agriculture order came into force on September 15, whereby dogs are forbidden to be landed in this land of freedom without a license from the board, a full description of the animal, and a sworn declaration as to its destination.

The board reserves the right of imposing a six months' quarantine at the owner's expense, and the order bristles with threats and punishments for infringement or evasion. At Liverpool there is also a local port regulation to the effect that no dog shall be allowed to remain aboard a ship within the jurisdiction of the Mersey docks and harbor board.

A steamer arrived at Liverpool recently the captain of which gloried in the ownership of a dog. Finding that he could not take it ashore without it being seized by the board of agriculture myriads and subjected to six months' quarantine, the captain kept it aboard the ship, and was forthwith hauled before the magistrates and fined for breach of the dock board's regulations. He now wants to know what the devil he is to do, and the champions of British perfection are unable to help him. The only tangible course advised is that the dog be killed and its body embalmed. The objections to this are numerous. It is manifest that a dead dog is not of much good, and, as far as the lawyers can see, a dog is a dog whether alive or dead. Moreover, he cannot put it ashore into six months' quarantine because it is entered on the ship's papers as a live dog and it is treated by the customs as bonded stores, which have to be produced when the ship clears onward. Doubtless this worthy captain before now has cursed the United States regulations, and therefore his present dilemma may be regarded as a judgment upon him.—London (Cor.) N. Y. Sun.

One of Perry's Lake Erie Fleet. Buried deep in the sand at the edge of Spring Lake, near Grand Haven, Mich., lies the hull of the old schooner Porcupine, which was one of Lieut. Oliver H. Perry's fleet in the battle of Lake Erie. The old boat is nearly gone. She has lain there since 1872, when she went out of service, and was beached by a gang of men who had tried to rig her up as a lumber lugger. D. M. Ferry, later a United States senator from Michigan, owned the land where the disengaged sailors flung the hull, and he left her there to work deeper and deeper into the sand. She is just at the end of one of his docks now; but he knew the honorable part she had played, and while he lived he refused to move her.

—Chicago Post.

St. Gall's Day and the Weather. The peasant folk in central and eastern Switzerland date their weather presages for the coming winter, in a large degree, from the character of "Gallus-Tag"—the festival of their Scottish (or shall we say Irish?) apostle, St. Gall. This festival occurs on September 16. "If it rains on Gallus-Tag," say the folk of modern St. Gall, "it will rain until Christmas." As it is on St. Gall's day so it will be through the winter." "It is St. Gall who makes the snow to fall." Therefore St. Gall comes take your garden plants indoors." "A dry Gallus-Tag foretells a dry summer next year."—Westminster Gazette.

Russia's Population.

The revised returns of the Russian census give the total population of that country at 120,000,000. This makes Russia third in rank among nations.

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"Not much. I am at work on it now. I'm on the track of the catman who drove them to and from the station. At first I thought it was an East Orange rig, but I know now that it belonged to New York. I am still in deep water, with nothing but my chin afloat. A most important step was made tonight in clearing away Ralph Benton's part in the matter. I breathe freer now and can use him to further my investigations."

"How?"

"I'll explain tomorrow night. You'll go over with me?"

"Most certainly."

"All right. Here's your street." Hendricks leaned out to order the driver to stop at Lamkin's number.

CHAPTER XIX.

The next night at 10 o'clock Hendricks, Lamkin and Kola called at the Benton homestead and asked for Ralph.

They were given seats in the library. Through an opening between the partitions they caught a glimpse of the adjoining drawing room. Stanwood, Montcastle and both the young ladies were there.

In a few minutes Ralph came down the front stairs.

"Glad to see you," he said, rubbing his eyes. "I have been lying down trying to take a nap. I hardly closed my eyes last night. You get my nerves all strung up. You see, you have not yet satisfied me about the suicide. I can't see how."

"Sh!" cautioned Hendricks, pointing toward the drawing room. "You are talking too loud."

"Oh, they can't hear!" answered Ralph.

"You did not mention what took place after they left last night?"

"Not a word, I assure you."

Hendricks rose.

"I want to make some experiments with a revolver in the garden. Will you please speak to the ladies about it beforehand? It might make them nervous."

"I see," said Ralph. "I'll tell them."

"You might ask Mr. Stanwood to join us," suggested Hendricks as the young man went out.

"They are all prepared," said Ralph, who returned in a few minutes, accompanied by Stanwood. "They won't mind."

"What time have you?" Hendricks asked him.

"Ten minutes past 10," answered Ralph, looking at his watch.

"Mine's a minute faster," said Hendricks. "I'll set it back to have them exactly together. Here is what I want. You and Mr. Stanwood are to go out to the place where you were when you heard the report that night. Do you remember the exact spot?"

"Yes; I was at the rustic bridge."

"Well," went on the detective, "it will take you five minutes to get there, but to have ample time, say at 20 minutes past 10 precisely, I shall fire a shot. Now, remember that. Keep your ears open and see if you hear it."

"Very well," agreed Ralph wonderingly.

"Then," continued Hendricks, "at exactly 25 minutes after 10 I shall fire again. See if you hear that also. Wait a couple of minutes and then come back. Meet us on the front lawn."

"All right," said Ralph. "It seems that you think more than one shot was fired. I am sure you are mistaken."

They were now on the lawn. Hendricks moistened his hand with his breath and held it over his head.

"The air was still that night, was it not?" he asked Ralph.

"Yes, just such a night as this. No breeze was stirring. I remember I got very warm walking."

Behind the house the party divided. Ralph and Stanwood going out at the side gate toward the station and Kola, Lamkin and Hendricks entering the garden. Reaching the spot where the body had been found, the detective paused and took out his watch and a revolver. Holding the watch open in



"Glad to see you," he said. He left hand and the revolver in his right. He waited till it was exactly 20 minutes after 10, then fired in the air.

"So far, so good," he muttered. He handed the watch to Lamkin. "Hold it so I can see the dial," he directed, and from a pocket of his coat he produced another revolver. Raising one in each hand over his head, he fired his eyes on the hands of the watch. At 25 minutes after 10 he fired both revolvers simultaneously.

"Glad again!" he chuckled, fanning the smoke away with his hand. "I practiced hard to that today and succeeded

15 times out of 20 in making them bark together. I was a little afraid I'd fail tonight, though. Now let's go up to the front and wait for the others."

Reaching the front lawn, Hendricks lighted a cigar and walked up and down the drive reflectively. Presently Stanwood and Ralph were seen approaching in the hazy distance. Hendricks paused as they drew near.

"Well," he said, "did you hear the shots?"

"Did you fire twice?" asked Ralph. "We heard only one. It was at exactly 25 minutes after 10."

"Aha!" ejaculated the adept impulsively, and then, with equal impetuosity, augmented by innate modesty, he put his hand to his mouth and relapsed into silence.

"At 20 minutes after 10," said Hendricks, "I fired the revolver you found near your father. You did not hear it. At 25 minutes past 10 I fired simultaneously that revolver and another—a 28 caliber weapon. There shots, it seems, you heard."

Ralph looked mystified.

"I can't understand what you did that for," he said. "I presume you are trying to prove that some one shot my father, but the more I think about it the less I agree with you. You see, I know his handwriting. If you think the note he wrote was a forgery, you are wrong. No one could imitate his handwriting. It's true I read it only by the light of a match that night, but the next morning I examined it closely."

"You don't understand what I am trying to prove," said Hendricks. "I don't dispute that your father wrote it. He probably went out with the determination to shoot himself. It was a remarkable coincidence, but I have evidence that some one was hidden under his bed that night between 7 o'clock and the time he went into his laboratory."

"You think that?" cried Ralph astonished.

"I am sure of it."

"How could you be sure of such a thing?"

"The chambermaid who attended to your father's room," explained the detective, "had not been giving much care to it. Perhaps it was because, during the stay of your guests, she had too many other duties to perform. Anyway she failed to sweep under his bed, and the dust accumulated. I first noticed a spot on the floor where some one had lain and then detected the odor of chloroform. This called for a close examination. I found that chloroform had been spilled on the floor under the bed and been wiped up with a cloth or handkerchief saturated with the fluid.

This led me to believe that somebody had been hidden there, waiting for an opportunity to apply the drug to your father's nostrils when he fell asleep. But your father did not go to bed, as we know. He went from his room into the laboratory and thence down into the garden."

"You believe," put in Ralph excitedly, "that the person under the bed followed him?"

"Yes, and shot him with a revolver he had brought along for his own defense in case of being surprised. Your father could not have shot himself without leaving some powder mark on his person or clothing. These indications I found missing on the morning of the inquest. Moreover, there is additional proof of my theory."

From his pocket Hendricks produced a piece of lead.

"That," he explained, "was once the ball of a 28 caliber cartridge. It was flattened in striking your father's bed."

It passed through and lodged in the brain. The undertaker and a medical expert secured it for me the day of the inquest. The revolver you found near your father carried a 28 caliber ball."

"But," protested Ralph, "one of the chambers of my father's revolver was empty."

Hendricks produced a bullet almost perfect in shape, except that the sharp end was flattened slightly.

"I found this," he said, "imbedded in the soft, rotten wood of the old summer house, 40 yards from where your father fell."

"Then you hold that he fired at his assailant," exclaimed Ralph, "and that I did not hear it because it was the smaller weapon of the two. I begin to see."

"They fired at each other simultaneously," answered the detective, "or so nearly at the same instant that the two reports blended into one."

Ralph hung his head reflectively.

"It was the increased volume of sound that caused him to hear it," put in Dr. Lamkin.

"Exactly," replied Hendricks.

"Have you any view to the guilty person?" asked Ralph.

Hendricks stroked his beard thoughtfully for a moment, then said:

"There is a little matter which you can help me in if you are so disposed."

"I am subject to your orders," returned Ralph. "To what do you refer?"

Hendricks looked into the house.

"Suppose we go back into the library," he suggested. "Kola, I shall leave you with Mr. Stanwood. Tell him how your people climb string and disappear in the clouds. Come on, doctor. We can talk latter inside."

CHAPTER XX.

The library was empty. Hendricks tossed his cigar into the grate and sat down on a lounge. The curtains were still parted, and they could see two young ladies in the lamplight at a table reading. Before sitting down Ralph started to draw the curtains together, but Hendricks prevented him.

"Leave them as they are," he said. "It looks cheerful to an outside observer who seldom catches a glimpse of home life."

"All right," said Ralph, taking a seat near Lamkin, who sat opposite the detective.

"Thanks," said Hendricks. He took from it a fresh cigar and pinched the tip from it with his finger nails. Lamkin decided that he had never seen him

drunks' face look such a look of mingled fatigued and will determination. He clasped his hands together until the cigar was almost burned.

"I say, Benton," he said. "Now, don't take offense, but what do you know about this—Montcastle? I believe that's his name."

Ralph started, returned the steady gaze of the detective for a minute and then answered:

"What do I know about him? Not much, I suppose. Why do you ask?"

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